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New Jersey's Expected Soybean Production Unchanged from the August 1 Forecast

Note: Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around September 1 and do not reflect changes in conditions since that time.

The Garden State's corn, soybean, and summer potato production are expected to be higher than last year's crops. Forecasted soybean production is up despite fewer acres for harvest. Corn acreage, up from last year, is expected to yield 16 bushels per acre more than in 2010. Potato producers reported lower yields than a year ago, but more acres for harvest is anticipated.

- **Corn** yield is forecast at 130 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from the August 1 forecast. Production is expected to total 10.7 million bushels, up 32 percent from 2010. Area harvested for grain at 82,000 acres, is up 11,000 acres from last year.
- **Soybean** production is forecast at 2.74 million bushels, up 24 percent from the previous year. Producers expect 33 bushels per acre from the 2011 crop, same as the August 1 forecast, and up 9 bushels from 2010. Soybean harvested area is expected to total 83,000 acres, down 9,000 acres from last year.
- **Summer potato** yield is forecast at 200 cwt. per acre, down 30 cwt. from the previous year. Production of summer potatoes is forecast at 400,000 cwt, up 2 percent from 2010's production.

United States: Corn production is forecast at 12.5 billion bushels, down 3 percent from last month, but slightly higher than the 2010 crop. Yields are expected to average 148.1 bushels per acre, down 4.9 bushels from the August 1 forecast and down 4.7 bushels from 2010. **Soybean** harvested area is expected to total 73.8 million acres, unchanged from August, but down 4 percent from 2010's record. Production is forecast at 3.09 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August forecast but down 7 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 41.8 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month. **Summer potatoes** production is forecast at 13.4 million cwt, up 11 percent from the July forecast and 15 percent above 2010. Harvested area is estimated at 44,200 acres, up 14 percent from the previous forecast and 18 percent above last year. Average yield is forecast at 303 cwt per acre, down 10 cwt from July and 7 cwt from 2010.

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Corn, Soybeans, and Summer Potatoes, September 1 Forecast

Crop	Unit	Acres for Harvest			Yield per Acre			Production		
		Final 2010	Aug 1 2011 Forecast	Sept 1 2011 Forecast	Final 2010	Aug 1 2011 Forecast	Sept 1 2011 Forecast	Final 2010	Aug 1 2011 Forecast	Sept 1 2011 Forecast
NEW JERSEY - Thousand Acres - - Units - - Thousand Units -										
Corn for grain	Bu.	71	82	82	114.0	135.0	130.0	8,094	11,070	10,660
Soybeans	Bu.	92	83	83	24.0	33.0	33.0	2,208	2,739	2,739
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	1.7	1	2.0	230.0	1	200.0	391	1	400
UNITED STATES - Thousand Acres - - Units - - Million Units -										
Corn for grain	Bu.	81,446	84,388	84,388	152.8	153.0	148.1	12,446.9	12,914.1	12,497.1
Soybeans	Bu.	76,616	73,823	73,823	43.5	41.4	41.8	3,329.3	3,055.9	3,085.3
Summer Potatoes	Cwt.	37.5	1	44.2	310.0	1	303.0	11.6	1	13.4

¹ Not available.

Note: The next crop production forecast will be released October 12, 2011.

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